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LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1 (original): Amperometric sensing apparatus for detecting an analyte in a gaseous medium, which comprises:

a working electrode at which said analyte is caused to participate in an analyte half-cell reaction:

5 a reference electrode for controlling the electrochemical potential of said working electrode;

a counter electrode at which a complementary half-cell reaction is caused to occur; wherein all three electrodes are electrochemically connected through an electrolyte; and

10 means for preventing or minimizing the occurrence of said analyte reaction or reaction of any interfering gas at said counter electrode and/or reference electrode.

2-15 (withdrawn)

16 (original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said counter and reference electrodes are combined into a single electrode.

17 (original): The apparatus of claim 1 comprising means for enhancing the reactivity of the counter electrode to the product of the analyte reaction.

18 (original): The apparatus of claim 17 comprising means for reconverting the product of the analyte reaction back to the analyte and then reacting it again at the working electrode, with such back-and-forth reactions repeating many times, so as to yield an amplification of the analyte signal.

19 (original): The apparatus of claim 18, wherein said reconversions are caused to occur at the counter electrode.

20 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 19, wherein said analyte and reconverted product comprise sensing apparatus is designed or tuned for reversion and detection of the NO-NO₂ or Cl⁻-Cl₂ redox couple.

21 (original): The apparatus of claim 19, wherein said working and counter electrodes are interdigitated or comprise an array of electrodes which are addressable in subsets.

22 (currently amended): Amperometric sensing apparatus for detecting an analyte in a gaseous medium, which comprises:

a first working electrode at which said analyte is caused to participate in an analyte half-cell reaction; and

a second working electrode for reconverting the product of the analyte reaction back to the analyte and then reacting it again at the first working electrode, with such

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back-and-forth reactions repeating many times, so as to yield an amplification of the analyte signal,

each of said working electrodes being electrochemically connected to its counter and reference electrodes.

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23 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the first of said analyte and reconvered product comprise working electrodes is designed or tuned for detection of NO or Cl⁻ species, with the second working electrode optimized for detection of the corresponding oxidizing species, NO-NO₂ or Cl-Cl₂ redox couple.

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24 (original): The apparatus of claim 22, wherein said working electrodes are interdigitated.

25 (currently amended): A method of detecting the presence of an analyte or trace thereof in a gaseous medium comprising the steps of:

passing a sample of said gaseous medium over a pair of interdigitated electrodes forming part of an amperometric gas sensor system, while applying an oxidizing potential to one electrode of said pair and a reducing potential to the other electrode of said pair, so as to cause repeated oxidations and reductions of said analyte and/or of its redox product and thereby ~~product~~ produce amplified current signals due to said analyte and product;

measuring said amplified current signals; and

deducing the presence and/or concentration of said analyte in said gaseous medium from said measured current signals.

26 (original): The method of claim 25, wherein said analyte and product comprise the NO-NO₂ or Cl⁻-Cl₂ redox couple.

27 (new): Sensing apparatus for detecting an analyte in a gaseous medium, which comprises:

means for passing a sample of said gaseous medium over a pair of interdigitated electrodes forming part of an amperometric gas sensor system, while applying an oxidizing potential to one electrode of said pair and a reducing potential to the other electrode of said pair, so as to cause repeated oxidations and reductions of said analyte and of its redox product and thereby produce amplified current signals due to said analyte and product; and

means for measuring said amplified current signals.

28 (new): The apparatus of claim 27, wherein said gaseous medium may be separated from said electrodes solely by a thin layer of electrolyte.

29 (new): The apparatus of claim 27, comprising more than one of said pairs or an array of electrode pairs that are addressable individually or in subsets, each of which can perform oxidation-reduction reactions for a different analyte.